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From: **Michele Slowey** <Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>
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Subject: Water and Air in HF
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Dear David,

First let me say how wonderful it is to have you as the mayor of Hoosick Falls, the village is so fortunate to have someone who I know to be a very caring and talented!

Marshall and I sold our house on Wilder Ave. several years ago and I was dismayed to learn that the house has been left to deteriorate as it has and the affect it has on the neighborhood, but this is not the reason I write today. After leaving Wilder Ave. Marshall and I purchased and completely renovated the house located at 8 McCaffrey St. Ahhh... now you may see where I am going. We are currently leasing the house having moved to Eagle Bridge five years ago where we have a little land and a small menagerie; two horses, four turkeys, and a number of chickens. Since I have been living in Eagle Bridge I regret that I have not been paying close attention to events in Hoosick Falls.

While living on McCaffrey St. I noticed strong odors emanating from St. Cobain and often closed my windows to keep out what I believed to be toxic chemicals. Often while driving through the village I notice the same odor. I did some research and found a document listing 33,931 tons of chemicals being released into the atmosphere which include Toluene, Xylene, Ethelbenzene being released which were apparently within "acceptable" limits. I do not have that document but I did find this information which states the same information without the detail:
<http://www.yourmapper.com/details/114/12090FLRGL1LIBE/saintgobain-performance-plastics.htm?n=>

I did not know that there was a problem with the water until notification was given in water bills. I have to wonder what the effects of the contaminated water and air has had on the

residents of Hoosick Falls. I was diagnosed with early stage breast cancer five years ago and at the same time my son Ryan was diagnosed with an aggressive form of testicular cancer. Thankfully we are both doing well but not without literal and emotional scars. I know of another young man (20s) who suffered multiple surgeries and other treatments to battle thyroid cancer. I would like to know how many other village residents have suffered with cancer; is the cancer rate above average?

I am glad to hear that St. Gobain is installing water treatment and I do hope it will remove the chemicals threatening residents. Will the village be monitoring the water before the installation, after installation and in the future? Additionally, the air quality issue needs the same attention. Has this topic been raised and addressed?

I appreciate that this issue is currently consuming a great share of your time and I am pleased and confident that you will ensure the safety of residents and improve the quality of life there. Thank you very much for allowing me to take some of your time.

I hope your family is doing very well and please say hello to Kathy for me.

Michele Slowey-Ogert